(b) In the Memorandum of Settlement signed on 22-8-1988, it was agreed that "In the overall national interest and in response to Prime Minister's call, the GNLF agree to drop the demand for a separate State of Gorkhaland".

(c) Government is keeping a close watch over the developments.

Foreign Fund for Australian NGO

4024. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Community Aid Abroad, an Australian organisation, has recently opened Regional Representative Office in Bangalore (India) for Welfare programmes; and

(b) if so, [illegible] objectives and the total foreign amount received by the Indian Office under FCR(A) Act, 1976 during the last three years and the Welfare projects [illegible] foreign funds have been utilised by this NGO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) As per information available with this Ministry, the said representative's field office has been functioning at Bangalore since 1991.

(b) According to information received from the Community Aid Abroad, Bangalore, the object of the Bangalore field office is to service the funding and non-funding needs of project partners in the Non-Government/Voluntary sector in Southern and Eastern India. During the period 1997-98 and 1998-99, the said field office reported the receipt of foreign contribution amounting to Rs. 2.71 crores. The foreign contribution was used to fund projects in the field of rural development. The return for 1999-2000 due on or before the 31st July, 2000, has not been filed as yet.

Pay Scale of Translators

4025. SHRI K. KALA VENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the pay scales of [illegible]istant Directors/Translators officers in Central Secertariat Official Language Service and in Central Translation Bureau respectively;

(b) whether the same scale exists in both the departments; and

(c) if not, the action taken to remove the anomaly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) The pay scales of Translators, Assistant Directors and Translation Officers in the Central Secretarial Official Language Service and in the Central Translation Bureau are as follows :—

	Designation	Pay scales in CSOLS	Pay scales in C.T.B.
(i)	Junior Translator	Rs. 5000-8000	No post exists
(ii)	Senior Translator	Rs. 5500-9000	Rs. 6500-10500
(iii)	Assistant Director	Rs. 6500-10500	Rs. 8000-13500
(iv)	Translation Officer	No post exists	Rs. 7500-12000

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The matter regarding grant of parity in pay scales of Junior Translators, Senior Translators and Assistant Director (OL) of Central Secretariat Official Language Service with those of similar posts in Central Translation Bureau has already been taken up with the Competent Authority.

Untrained Typists/Stenographers

†4026. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of typists and stenographers in his Ministry/Department and subordinate offices who have not so far taken any training of Hindi typing or Hindi stenography; and

(b) what are the reasons for imparting no such training to them so far and by when they are likely to be imparted such training ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.